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NUTRITION FAIR EMPHASIZES HEALTHY EATING



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Sunny Henderson, left, a second year graduate student in nutrition, explains the intricacies of fat to Henry Rafael, right, a senior in civil engineering, and Rethelje Caroro, center, a junior in occupational therapy.

Students turn out for annual Nutrition Fair

By Janet Marcelo
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Strawberry, onion, potato and celery balloons smiled down on attendees as they made their way through the Nutrition Education Action Team's annual Nutrition Fair. Students followed the purple footprint placards that were strewn around the main floor of the Student Union Tuesday.

"Originally I was here for extra credit," said Joanna Murillo, a junior nursing major. "But I really am into nutrition, since it's a part of my career, and

the booths look creative and I want to go up to every one."

A raffle booth and 14 informational and free testing booths were set up ranging in subjects of nutrition labels, strength training, water and what you should know about soda.

"Water is important because a huge part of our body is made up of water," said nutrition graduate student Julie Smith. "A lot of people seemed interested to know (that) we can survive up to four to 10 days without water and how much sugar you are getting with your soda."

The raffle giveaways for an iPod

Shuffle and restaurants and store gift certificates were an extra incentive for students to stop by each booth and learn something about nutrition that they might now have known before, said San Jose State University Campus Dietitian Jennifer Waldrop.

Barbara Morris, an action team coordinator, said there were many volunteers from the nutrition department, as well as other departments on campus and outside groups who came to present information and answer questions.

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A happy corn balloon helps liven the mood at the Nutrition Fair on Tuesday in the Student Union.

Candidates for A.S. speak to small crowd

By Erin Keilah Chin
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Even though only a little more than 10 people showed up to the Candidate Crossfire on Thursday in the Student Union Umunhum Room, the event still went on. Candidates were able to address questions posed by a moderator as well as the audience.

Of the 13 candidates running for Associated Student government, seven were in attendance. The positions of president, controller and directors of business affairs, campus climate affairs, community affairs and programming affairs were not represented because of previous engagements and class.

The handful of students who made up the audience also left as soon as the meeting ended.

Savander Parker, university ombudsman, served as the moderator of the debate.

Parker had a series of questions to ask the candidates as well as questions that were asked by the audience. In order to ask questions, audience members had to submit them on a question card to be approved. The questions were then given to the moderator to ask.

A recurring question that was asked regarded the type of experience candidates had in leadership or with their particular position.

Candidates had similar answers of being involved in residence hall government, Academic Senate or heading other organizations' events and community service.

Mark Powell, running for director of extra curricular affairs, said he is heavily involved with Spartan Squad.

"I will make the claim that no one is more involved in sports on campus than myself," Powell said. "This year at San Jose State, I have not missed a football game, a volleyball game, women's basketball, men's basketball game or gymnastics meet."

Jessica Loebig, the candidate running against Powell, is involved in Alpha Phi Omega, a service organization, as well as Spartan Squad, freshmen orientation and is a resident adviser.

"All of these jobs and organizations have allowed me to really see a wide range of people and meet a lot of people on campus," she said. "Through working with incoming freshmen and current freshmen, I am able to get the word out there that involvement in organizations, clubs and sports is what we really need on campus to get our campus climate up."

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San Jose State University and Apple Computer Inc. announced SJSU will start to provide podcasts of lectures online through Apple's iTunes U program.

Apple to provide podcasts of campus lectures

By Ryan Sholin
DAILY STAFF WRITER

They're everywhere. Those little white earphones. They're in the Student Union, they're in the gym, they're on Tower Lawn and now they're in the classroom. Or rather, the classroom is in them.

Apple Computer's iPod and similar MP3 players have become nearly ubiquitous on the San Jose State University campus, providing students with music and podcasts to plug into their ears between classes and during their commutes.

Now Apple and the university have announced that SJSU will be a new participant in Apple's iTunes U program, in which the Cupertino-based computer company gives universities server space and software to host audio and video content on the Web.

"It's an opportunity for a great many things," said Mary Fran Breiling, the interim associate director for academic technology at SJSU.

Breiling said faculty members will be able to post class lectures, recordings of guest speakers and video-enhanced podcasts.

Audio and video podcasts are files posted online in a feed that can be subscribed to by listeners and viewers. Apple's iTunes program manages subscriptions to podcasts, automatically downloading new content whenever it is posted.

Stanford University and the University of Michigan are among the schools that already have their own iTunes store just for educational content.

Faculty members will have a choice

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Environmental Club looks to clean up SJSU

By Matthew Zane
DAILY STAFF WRITER

People throwing away plastic water bottles into trash cans that are right next to recycling bins, others casually tossing cigarette butts on the ground, and over-stuffed waste bins in the Student Union: these are just a few of the things on campus that really irk members of San Jose State University's Environmental Club.

The club meets every Monday at 5 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union to plan projects with the goal of spreading environmental awareness among students.

Last semester, the club strung together a massive wall of more than 3,000 used drink cups collected from various locations around campus and hung it on the Student Union in the Art Quad.

The display was meant to bring at-

tention to the 3,156 disposable cups that the club said students use each day, and to encourage students to bring their own reusable cups when they purchase drinks from vendors in the Student Union.

This semester the club is working with officials from the facilities department such as Energy Program Specialist Karl Gee to try and encourage environmentally-friendly changes to campus facilities.

According to its Web site, the facilities department runs the campus's electricity co-generation plant, is in charge of recycling and garbage collection, building maintenance and construction, and also campus landscaping.

Environmental Club Vice President Amie Frisch hopes that the club's relationship with Gee will pay dividends in the future.

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THE SHAPE OF WHAT'S TO COME

What would have happened if we hadn't gone to war?

Last month, when I was shackled up with some friends in a small back hills cabin in Santa Barbara wine country, an acquaintance of mine, who has ardently supported the war in Iraq since the invasion, posed an interesting question to me: Where would we be today if we had not invaded Iraq?

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Our invasion didn't create this rift between Sunni and Shia Muslims; the split happened in the mid seventh century when the Caliph Ali, a prominent Islamic leader, was murdered and a Sunni took his place. Regardless, Middle East experts at the CIA repeatedly warned the administration of sectarian violence during any occupation and, again, the administration was stubbornly confident that its occupation would roll ahead smoothly on a bed of flowers.

On a broader scale, the entire Middle East would be more stable and Iraq wouldn't be the new training ground for Jihadists, hungry for distorted ideals that insult the nature of all religions.

Unfortunately, Iraq would still be under the despotic rule of Saddam Hussein. But despotism has never bothered any of today's neoconservatives when they were in the closet hiding behind the mechanics of superpower realism. For these policymakers, despots have always been tolerable and useful when they're

on a U.S. leash.

Take that tyrant in Uzbekistan. Why did the Bush administration continue to cuddle up to President Islam Karimov after he slaughtered hundreds of pro-democracy activists in the streets of Andijan in May? Because Uzbekistan was a valuable ally in the war on terror, until they kicked our military base out.

Ironically, our invasion of Iraq is more likely contributing to WMD proliferation rather than deterring it, which was the portfolio the American people bought into before the invasion.

Paul Pillar, one of the CIA Middle East specialists who was predicting civil war in 2003, recently disclosed that he warned the Bush administration that an Iraqi invasion might prod Iran into firing up a nuclear weapons program. Pillar also predicted that a nuclear Iran might tempt a stable Iraq into producing WMD in the next decade as a deterrent of its own.

Of course, it's easy to criticize the situation. What is far more difficult is constructing solutions, something the Bush administration clearly did not do as it cherry picked intelligence, baited the American people and switched the rules on them in the middle of the war. I have a few solutions. Read them next week.

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BANKS ALBACH

A note from the editor's desk

Dear reader,

On Monday, former Mercury News Executive Editor Jerry Ceppos told a group of San Jose State University students and faculty members that too many editors don't take the time to ask readers what they want out of their newspaper.

With an Associated Students election where all but one of the races is uncontested, I pose the question to you the reader: How should the Daily cover the elections later this month?

Some may argue that the lack of candidates shows that the student body is disinterested in A.S., so the Daily should focus on covering topics more interesting to SJSU students.

It seems that the candidate debates on Tuesday lacked in importance because, according to a Daily reporter, there were about 10 people in the audience and

A.S. President Alberto Gutierrez and A.S. Controller Alex Ramos didn't even show up. No need for the current and future president and controller to debate thin air, I suppose.

Others may argue that despite this election being a formality, it is important for the Daily to continue keeping tabs on our student government, because it controls some of our fees and it was involved in a scandal that cost one longtime employee his job.

In past years, Daily editors and reporters have worked long hours on election night to get readers the results the next day.

Should the Daily do the same this year? Or should we just run a headline in tomorrow's paper saying "Gutierrez to serve second term as A.S. president," and move on to other topics?

— Erik Lacayo, executive editor

THE SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

Dispelling Irish stereotypes on St. Patrick's Day — or not

My favorite day of the year — St. Patrick's Day — is upon us on Friday and as someone of Irish descent, it's a great time to celebrate and embrace my culture.

But being Irish, I also get to hear about all of the stereotypes that are cast down upon my people. So for the next few minutes I will attempt to dismiss some of those stereotypes about the Irish.

The first stereotype is that all Irishmen love to drink. This one is a little difficult to argue, mostly because it's true.

I do love to drink me a good old Irish beer, such as Guinness or any variety of an Irish red ale. And hey, what's better than dropping a swig of Bailey's Irish Cream into your coffee in the morning?

Well, I guess I can't strike that stereotype down, so let's move on to the next one.

People say Irishmen love to eat potatoes. I can't count how many times I've heard — and recited myself — the old joke that asks: What's a seven-course meal in Ireland? A six pack and a potato.

Let's see how I can tackle this one. I guess I can start by looking at what we can do with potatoes. We can eat them baked, mashed and scalloped, can turn them into french fries, potato chips, hash browns or salad, we can even toss them in a stew or soup.

Furthermore, if you've got a broken light bulb stuck in the socket, all you have to do is cut a potato in half and stick it into the bulb and it's a safe way to remove it.

So you've got to ask yourself: Is there a more versatile or useful food than a potato? I'm going to have to say no. So if people want to associate the Irish with the potato, go for it, we can be versatile and useful too and a potato is one heck of a food.

Another stereotype that the Irish deal with is the perceived typical meal of corned beef and cabbage. Every culture deals with something similar. Asians only eat rice, Mexicans only eat beans, Italians only eat pasta and the Irish love corned beef.

Well, I must say, corned beef is damn good. I'm not so much a cabbage kind of guy (it's known to give you gas and I'm not much of a fan of the taste), but give me my roasted corned beef with potatoes on the side and I'm a happy man.

I certainly couldn't imagine a St. Patty's Day without it. It's become my meal that I divulge shortly before leaving for a night of drinking and does well to soak up my alcohol and prevent me from getting a hangover (even though as an Irishman I've got good enough genes to make me pretty hangover-proof).

I must even admit that the first full meal I ever cooked was a most delicious hunk of corned beef that I seasoned with a hot mustard glaze and cooked in a big pot with cut up potatoes. Mmmmm ... I'm getting hungry just thinking about it.

Oh well, I guess there's another stereotype I failed to shoot down.

Finally, the Irish have long been associated with the little leprechaun. He's the funny-looking little guy that searches for gold at the end of the rainbow and brings good luck.

Now it may be true that he's a short little fellow and his looks and the way he dresses isn't going to attract a whole lot of ladies, but how can you not like someone who brings you luck?

The whole culture is one that is associated with luck and there's certainly nothing wrong with that so send that little leprechaun over. He can hang out with me anytime.

I suppose I haven't done a very good job at dispelling these stereotypes. But there is a reason they are stereotypes after all. They are certainly rooted in truth.

Whether you are Irish or not, don't hesitate to go out and enjoy St. Patty's Day. I've gotten many people who aren't Irish hooked to the holiday.

Last year, I initiated a non-Irish friend by starting the day off with him by having a beer at the Market Café, followed by a pitcher of beer at Pizza My Heart. That was only the beginning as we met up later that night and proceeded to down several pints of Guinness and about three Irish Car Bombs while we bounced around to a plethora of bars.

I even provided him with a mix CD of Irish music that included a great song reminding him that "Everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day."

So on Friday, make sure you embrace the culture, whether you're a part of it or not. When you wake up say, "Top 'O the mornin'," cook up some corned beef and grab an Irish beer at your local pub (those green domestic beers may look nice, but they're not authentic. Go for a Guinness).

I guarantee you'll have a blast. Beannachtai na Feile Padraig (Happy St. Patrick's Day). Slainte (Cheers!).

Jimmy Durkin is a Spartan Daily copy editor. "The Seventh Inning Stretch" appears every Wednesday.



JIMMY DURKIN

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Department of Biological Sciences

Michael Loik, environmental studies professor from UC Santa Cruz, will discuss the ecological consequences of long-term climate change. At 1:30 p.m. in DH 250. For more information, contact Leslie Parr at 924-4897.

Study Abroad

Professor Bill Shaw presents an information meeting on the study abroad program in Bath, England, for the 2007 Spring Semester. From 3:30-4:30 p.m. in HGH 215. For more information, e-mail wshaw@email.sjsu.edu.

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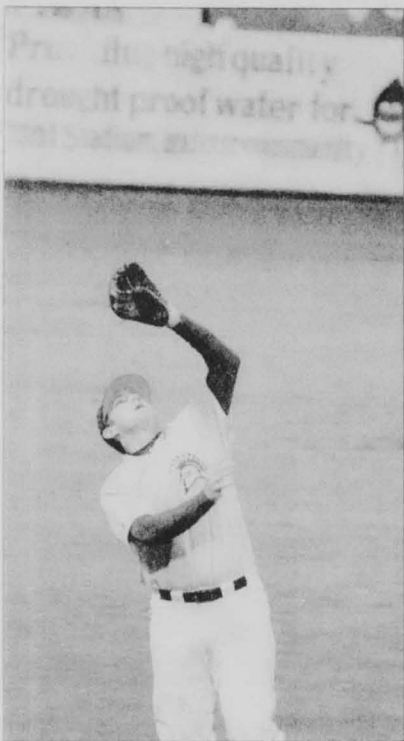
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Spartans Steer Pilots off course, 5-4

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ABOVE: San Jose State University senior outfielder Sam Hall, center, slides into second base as Jesse Rodgers and Sean Nicol from the University of Portland attempt to make a tag during Tuesday's game at Municipal Stadium. The Spartans defeated the Pilots, 5-4.

LEFT: SJSU senior infielder Nick Epidendio catches a fly ball during a game against the University of Portland. The Spartans will conclude the nonconference series today at 6 p.m. at Municipal Stadium.

Spartans to host No. 16 Princeton

By Andrew Torrez
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State University women's water polo team will face the No. 16 ranked Princeton University on Sunday afternoon at the Aquatics Center.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO THE KICK OUT NOTEBOOK

This is the first meeting between the two teams in five seasons. The Spartans beat the Tigers 8-4 in a game during the 2000 season.

"We haven't seen them play in a while," SJSU coach Lou Tully said about the Tigers. "They are one of the four teams back East that could win the Eastern Championship. I know that Elyse Colgan has been scoring a lot of goals for them, so we will have to keep track of her."

Colgan, a junior 2-meter player, is the Tigers leading scorer and was recently named to the 2006 United States water polo women's Senior National Team.

Tully said he will be attending Princeton's game against Santa Clara University on Saturday to check out the Tigers.

"Santa Clara's coach used to be our assistant coach," said junior attacker Deanna Lowry. "I'm sure he will give Lou some good feedback on Princeton. Our game is later in the afternoon, so we have all morning to prepare for the game and work out anything we need to fix right away."

Lowry said it is hard to prepare



DANIELESCH / DAILY STAFF

San Jose State University defender Brianna Lindsey attempts to pass the ball past a University of Hawai'i defender during the Stanford Invitational on Feb. 12 at the Avery Aquatics Center in Stanford.

for a team out of the Spartans' conference, but that the team will be ready.

"We just have to prepare for them like any other team," Lowry said. "We try to treat each team like they are UCLA or the University of Southern California."

State Northridge and a 6-4 loss to the USC. SJSU almost pulled off the biggest upset of the season against No. 1 USC, but couldn't overcome a two-goal deficit in the fourth quarter.

"The USC game was a good game for us," Harberts said. "We had a lot more focus then we did earlier in the season. Only allowing them six goals says a lot for our team."

Earlier in the season, the Spartans lost to USC 13-4. USC has scored 10 or more goals in 11 games this season.

Tully said the biggest difference between the two losses was the attitude of the Spartan players.

"We were really tired of being embarrassed by these high ranked teams," Tully said. "It was nice to take a team down there that wasn't intimidated by USC."

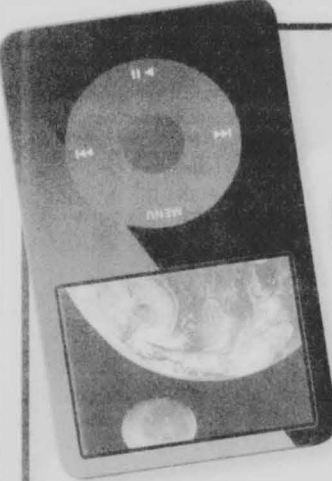
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Junior 2-meter player Beth Harberts said that she likes playing teams out of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

"It is good practice for our team," she said. "It is exciting because the more games you play, the more experience you have."

The Spartans split two games last week with a win against Cal



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Iraq wouldn't be steps away from civil war, either, had we opted for restraint. Since masked gun-

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Our invasion didn't create this rift between Sunni and Shia Muslims; the split happened in the mid seventh century when the Caliph Ali, a prominent Islamic leader, was murdered and a Sunni took his place. Regardless, Middle East experts at the CIA repeatedly warned the administration of sectarian violence during any occupation and, again, the administration was stubbornly confident that its occupation would roll ahead smoothly on a bed of flowers.

On a broader scale, the entire Middle East would be more stable and Iraq wouldn't be the new training ground for Jihadists, hungry for distorted ideals that insult the nature of all religions.

Unfortunately, Iraq would still be under the despotic rule of Saddam Hussein. But despotism has never bothered any of today's neoconservatives when they were in the closet hiding behind the mechanics of superpower realism. For these policymakers, despots have always been tolerable and useful when they're

on a U.S. leash.

Take that tyrant in Uzbekistan. Why did the Bush administration continue to cuddle up to President Islam Karimov after he slaughtered hundreds of pro-democracy activists in the streets of Andijan in May? Because Uzbekistan was a valuable ally in the war on terror, until they kicked our military base out.

Ironically, our invasion of Iraq is more likely contributing to WMD proliferation rather than deterring it, which was the portfolio the American people bought into before the invasion.

Paul Pillar, one of the CIA Middle East specialists who was predicting civil war in 2003, recently disclosed that he warned the Bush administration that an Iraqi invasion might prod Iran into firing up a nuclear weapons program. Pillar also predicted that a nuclear Iran might tempt a stable Iraq into producing WMD in the next decade as a deterrent of its own.

Of course, it's easy to criticize the situation. What is far more difficult is constructing solutions, something the Bush administration clearly did not do as it cherry picked intelligence, baited the American people and switched the rules on them in the middle of the war. I have a few solutions. Read them next week.

Banks Albach is a Spartan Daily co-opinion editor. "The Shape of What's to Come" appears every Wednesday.



BANKS ALBACH

A note from the editor's desk

Dear reader,

On Monday, former Mercury News Executive Editor Jerry Ceppos told a group of San Jose State University students and faculty members that too many editors don't take the time to ask readers what they want out of their newspaper.

With an Associated Students election where all but one of the races is uncontested, I pose the question to you the reader: How should the Daily cover the elections later this month?

Some may argue that the lack of candidates shows that the student body is disinterested in A.S., so the Daily should focus on covering topics more interesting to SJSU students.

It seems that the candidate debates on Tuesday lacked in importance because, according to a Daily reporter, there were about 10 people in the audience and

A.S. President Alberto Gutierrez and A.S. Controller Alex Ramos didn't even show up. No need for the current and future president and controller to debate thin air, I suppose.

Others may argue that despite this election being a formality, it is important for the Daily to continue keeping tabs on our student government, because it controls some of our fees and it was involved in a scandal that cost one longtime employee his job.

In past years, Daily editors and reporters have worked long hours on election night to get readers the results the next day.

Should the Daily do the same this year? Or should we just run a headline in tomorrow's paper saying "Gutierrez to serve second term as A.S. president," and move on to other topics?

— Erik Lacayo, executive editor

THE SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

Dispelling Irish stereotypes on St. Patrick's Day — or not

My favorite day of the year — St. Patrick's Day — is upon us on Friday and as someone of Irish descent, it's a great time to celebrate and embrace my culture.

But being Irish, I also get to hear about all of the stereotypes that are cast down upon my people. So for the next few minutes I will attempt to dismiss some of those stereotypes about the Irish.

The first stereotype is that all Irishmen love to drink. This one is a little difficult to argue, mostly because it's true.

I do love to drink me a good old Irish beer, such as Guinness or any variety of an Irish red ale. And hey, what's better than dropping a swig of Bailey's Irish Cream into your coffee in the morning?

Well, I guess I can't strike that stereotype down, so let's move on to the next one.

People say Irishmen love to eat potatoes. I can't count how many times I've heard — and recited myself — the old joke that asks: What's a seven-course meal in Ireland? A six pack and a potato.

Let's see how I can tackle this one. I guess I can start by looking at what we can do with potatoes. We can eat them baked, mashed and scalloped, can turn them into french fries, potato chips, hash browns or salad, we can even toss them in a stew or soup.

Furthermore, if you've got a broken light bulb stuck in the socket, all you have to do is cut a potato in half and stick it into the bulb and it's a safe way to remove it.

So you've got to ask yourself: Is there a more versatile or useful food than a potato? I'm going to have to say no. So if people want to associate the Irish with the potato, go for it, we can be versatile and useful too and a potato is one heck of a food.

Another stereotype that the Irish deal with is the perceived typical meal of corned beef and cabbage. Every culture deals with something similar. Asians only eat rice, Mexicans only eat beans, Italians only eat pasta and the Irish love corned beef.

Well, I must say, corned beef is damn good. I'm not so much a cabbage kind of guy (it's known to give you gas and I'm not much of a fan of the taste), but give me my roasted corned beef with potatoes on the side and I'm a happy man.

I certainly couldn't imagine a St. Patty's Day without it. It's become my meal that I divulge shortly before leaving for a night of drinking and does well to soak up my alcohol and prevent me from getting a hangover (even though as an Irishman I've got good enough genes to make me pretty hangover-proof).

I must even admit that the first full meal I ever cooked was a most delicious hunk of corned beef that I seasoned with a hot mustard glaze and cooked in a big pot with cut up potatoes. Mmmmm ... I'm getting hungry just thinking about it.

Oh well, I guess there's another stereotype I failed to shoot down.

Finally, the Irish have long been associated with the little leprechaun. He's the funny-looking little guy that searches for gold at the end of the rainbow and brings good luck.

Now it may be true that he's a short little fellow and his looks and the way he dresses isn't going to attract a whole lot of ladies, but how can you not like someone who brings you luck?

The whole culture is one that is associated with luck and there's certainly nothing wrong with that so send that little leprechaun over. He can hang out with me anytime.

I suppose I haven't done a very good job at dispelling these stereotypes. But there is a reason they are stereotypes after all. They are certainly rooted in truth.

Whether you are Irish or not, don't hesitate to go out and enjoy St. Patty's Day. I've gotten many people who aren't Irish hooked to the holiday.

Last year, I initiated a non-Irish friend by starting the day off with him by having a beer at the Market Café, followed by a pitcher of beer at Pizza My Heart. That was only the beginning as we met up later that night and proceeded to down several pints of Guinness and about three Irish Car Bombs while we bounced around to a plethora of bars.

I even provided him with a mix CD of Irish music that included a great song reminding him that "Everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day."

So on Friday, make sure you embrace the culture, whether you're a part of it or not. When you wake up say, "Top 'O the mornin'," cook up some corned beef and grab an Irish beer at your local pub (those green domestic beers may look nice, but they're not authentic. Go for a Guinness).

I guarantee you'll have a blast. Beannachtaí na Feile Padraig (Happy St. Patrick's Day). Slainte (Cheers!).

Jimmy Durkin is a Spartan Daily copy editor. "The Seventh Inning Stretch" appears every Wednesday.



JIMMY DURKIN

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Department of Biological Sciences

Michael Loik, environmental studies professor from UC Santa Cruz, will discuss the ecological consequences of long-term climate change. At 1:30 p.m. in DH 250. For more information, contact Leslie Parr at 924-4897.

Study Abroad

Professor Bill Shaw presents an information meeting on the study abroad program in Bath, England, for the 2007 Spring Semester. From 3:30-4:30 p.m. in HGH 215. For more information, e-mail wshaw@email.sjsu.edu.

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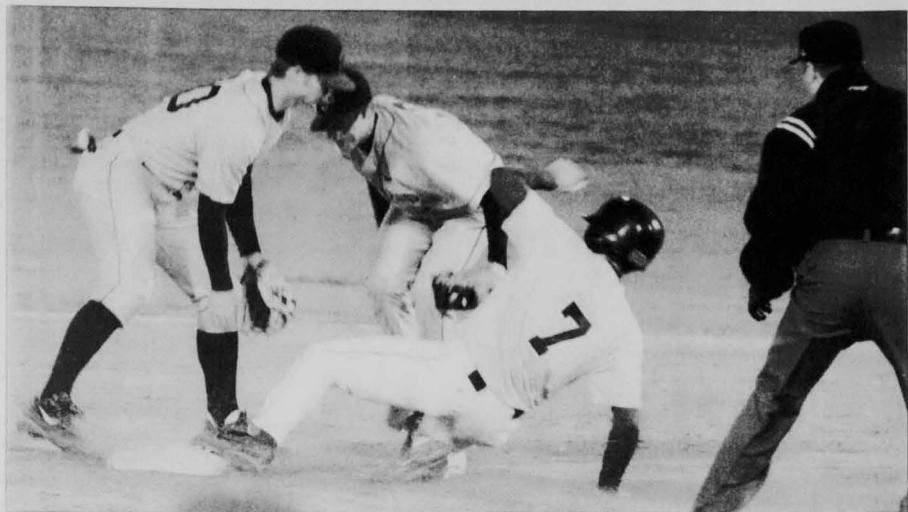
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Spartans Steer Pilots off course, 5-4

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ABOVE: San Jose State University senior outfielder Sam Hall, center, slides into second base as Jesse Rodgers and Sean Nicol from the University of Portland attempt to make a tag during Tuesday's game at Municipal Stadium. The Spartans defeated the Pilots, 5-4.

LEFT: SJSU senior infielder Nick Epidendio catches a fly ball during a game against the University of Portland. The Spartans will conclude the nonconference series today at 6 p.m. at Municipal Stadium.

Spartans to host No. 16 Princeton

By Andrew Torre
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State University women's water polo team will face the No. 16 ranked Princeton University on Sunday afternoon at the Aquatics Center.

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This is the first meeting between the two teams in five seasons. The Spartans beat the Tigers 8-4 in a game during the 2000 season.

"We haven't seen them play in a while," SJSU coach Lou Tully said about the Tigers. "They are one of the four teams back East that could win the Eastern Championship. I know that Elyse Colgan has been scoring a lot of goals for them, so we will have to keep track of her."

Colgan, a junior 2-meter player, is the Tigers leading scorer and was recently named to the 2006 United States water polo women's Senior National Team.

Tully said he will be attending Princeton's game against Santa Clara University on Saturday to check out the Tigers.

"Santa Clara's coach used to be our assistant coach," said junior attacker Deanna Lowry. "I'm sure he will give Lou some good feedback on Princeton. Our game is later in the afternoon, so we have all morning to prepare for the game and work out anything we need to fix right away."

Lowry said it is hard to prepare



DANIEL ESCH / DAILY STAFF

San Jose State University defender Brianna Lindsey attempts to pass the ball past a University of Hawai'i defender during the Stanford Invitational on Feb. 12 at the Avery Aquatics Center in Stanford.

for a team out of the Spartans' conference, but that the team will be ready.

"We just have to prepare for them like any other team," Lowry said. "We try to treat each team like they are UCLA or the University of Southern California."

State Northridge and a 6-4 loss to the USC. SJSU almost pulled off the biggest upset of the season against No. 1 USC, but couldn't overcome a two-goal deficit in the fourth quarter.

"The USC game was a good game for us," Harberts said. "We had a lot more focus then we did earlier in the season. Only allowing them six goals says a lot for our team."

Earlier in the season, the Spartans lost to USC 13-4. USC has scored 10 or more goals in 11 games this season.

Tully said the biggest difference between the two losses was the attitude of the Spartan players.

"We were really tired of being embarrassed by these high ranked teams," Tully said. "It was nice to take a team down there that wasn't intimidated by USC."

"We are really tired of being embarrassed by these high ranked teams."

— Lou Tully, SJSU water polo coach

Junior 2-meter player Beth Harberts said that she likes playing teams out of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

"It is good practice for our team," she said. "It is exciting because the more games you play, the more experience you have."

The Spartans split two games last week with a win against Cal



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Event to explore philosophy of robotic technology

By Teresa Hou
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The philosophy of personal robotics technology will take center stage this afternoon as the Philosophy Club of San Jose State University will be hosting "Friends by Design: A Design Philosophy for Personal Robotics Technology."

The event will be held in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library in Suites 255A 257B on the second floor from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and will feature a discussion led by John Sullins, an assistant philosophy professor from Sonoma State University.

"I will be describing and critiquing the various design philosophies that roboticists are using today to create robots for home and work," Sullins, an SJSU alumnus, wrote in an e-mail.

According to Brenda Hood, vice president of the Philosophy Club, the way Sullins plans to discuss the talk will be in a language that people outside of the philosophy and robotics world would

understand.

"The lecture will be accessible to anyone," Hood said.

Sullins said he became interested in the philosophy of robotics while studying for his Bachelor of Science degree in the aviation department at SJSU.

"I had become fascinated with autopilot technologies and while taking (SJSU philosophy lecturer) Dr. Noam Cook's class on the philosophy of technology I was introduced to the philosophical discussions about artificial intelligence and robotics," Sullins said. "This led me to the very deep and important unresolved arguments in philosophy about the nature and purpose of the human mind."

According to Sullins, designing personal robots are more problematic than designing any other type of technology.

"From the technical standpoint, we are at-

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CLUB - Group gears up for campus Earth Day events in April

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"It gives us a direct connection to the facilities department, which is very important because they pretty much run everything," Frisch said.

Chris Opela, president of the club, said that the university does not give a big priority to the environment.

"I'd say it's a non-issue," Opela said.

According to Gee, the facilities department is researching ways to lessen the university's impact on the environment.

One project that is being considered is the replacement of non-functioning passive solar panels found on some buildings on campus with newer and more effective panels.

Student awareness is an important part of the Facilities Department's energy plan, Gee said.

"Technology itself isn't going to solve the problem, people make a huge help," he said.

Amanda Barker, treasurer of the Environmental Club, said that many students are confused about environmental issues and hopes that she and her fellow club members can be a resource.

"There's no outlet. They don't know what can and can't be recycled," Barker said.

Kilen Gilpen, a junior, agreed and said that she gets especially frustrated when she sees "those little mini garbage cans filled up with recyclables."

According to Opela, when students hear about the Environmental Club they are often very interested, but he would like to see more action.

"We want more people to get involved," he said.

According to Opela, the club has 10 to 15 members that come to meetings regularly, but has more than 180 people on its e-mail list.

Barker said that students shouldn't be afraid to attend a club meeting, even if they can't attend regularly.

"Even if you don't come to the meetings, you can still be involved," she said. "There's always opportunities."

With SJSU's Earth Day celebration approaching on Thursday, April 20, the club has many projects planned for students to participate in. Earth Day is officially recognized on April 22, which falls on a Saturday this year.

The club is planning to have a food taste-testing station where students can sample organically grown foods and traditionally grown foods. The club also plans to have laptop computers where students can take a test to figure out their "ecological footprint," which shows how much natural resources they consume.

Members of the environmental club hope that their projects will help to promote environmental awareness and sustainability on campus.

"Education is the most important thing," Barker said.

APPLE - Podcasts to be made available through iTunes

of posting content on a public SJSU iTunes store, where anyone can download it, or on the WebCT sites for their classes.

"It's a very simple process," Breiling said.

According to Breiling, most MP3 players should be able to play content downloaded from the SJSU iTunes store.

"It doesn't have to be an iPod," Breiling said.

Jon Udell,

an information technology columnist for San Francisco-based Infoworld magazine, said he was skeptical about the Apple deal.

"Higher education doesn't really need Apple to hold its hand," Udell said.

Udell said millions of people have figured out how to create blogs and podcasts without Apple's help.

"I just don't see what's being added," Udell said.

Debra Faires, the assistant director for distance learning at SJSU's school of library and information science, said faculty members in her department already post audio and video to supplement classroom and online instruction.

The Apple iLife software should help instructors easily record and post content online, Faires said.

In addition to supplementing classes that meet in person in the SJSU campus, Faires said podcasting could play a key role in creating a social environment for classes that are taught entirely online.

"Especially in a distance class, you don't want students to feel isolated," Faires said.

Oliver Chiu, a senior ac-

counting major, said he would download the lectures from classes he missed.

"That would be good," Chiu said.

Chiu also said he might listen to podcasts of guest speakers if they were made available online.

The SJSU iTunes store could be used for more than course materials, said Mary Nino, an SJSU

Sloan said podcasts of routine lectures could be used to free up class meeting time for what he called "more engaging activities."

"I think the sky's the limit," Sloan said.

Sloan said Apple makes a good partner for SJSU because they have already built the content delivery system in the form of iTunes.

Jon Udell said host-

ing academic content on iTunes U goes against "the fundamental simplicity and openness of the Web."

According to Udell, iTunes makes it difficult to link directly to a podcast from anywhere else on the Web.

"Universities ought to be asking themselves some questions about what they're trying to achieve," Udell said.

Sloan said he was "a little nervous" about using Apple's proprietary system, but this is an opportunity SJSU can't afford to pass up.

"The thing that would concern me more would be not getting involved in it," Sloan said.

"I think the sky's the limit."
— Steve Sloan, SJSU help desk specialist

senior assistant librarian at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

Nino said she was looking forward to using iTunes U to post virtual tours of the library.

"We have 30 pieces of public art," Nino said. "I'm thinking a video podcast would be fabulous."

Steve Sloan, SJSU help desk specialist and a podcaster since October 2004, said the arrangement with Apple is an opportunity to work with a company that has a proven track record at innovating.

"I think it's a great opportunity for us to partner with a local vendor," Sloan said.

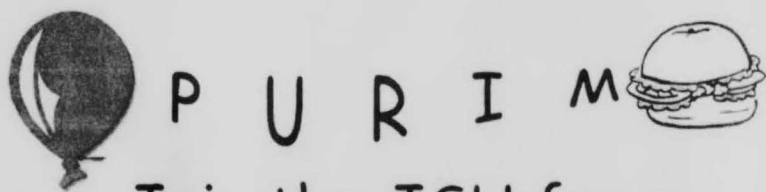
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FAIR - Organizers say nutritional information booths in the Student Union were visited by many students wanting to learn*continued from page 1*

"We always have a lot of handouts because we want people to go home since it's overwhelming walking around," Morris said. "You can ask questions now or wait until you get home."

There was a steady stream of people as booths were swamped with attendees, Morris said.

"The testing is really popular," Morris said. "People want to know something and it's free and plus the information boards help them learn."

Lawrence McNeil Jr., a graduate student majoring in sport management, who had a booth set up for his Child and Adolescent Development 149 class said nutrition was important because it increases the longevity and quality of an individual's life with a balance of exercise, health and stress management.

"I learned that by spreading health and nutrition to oth-

er people it helps me because I learn to live that way," McNeil said. "I just can't say it and not mean it. I live the way I live and it shows to a lot of people. It's not just meaningless words."

Waldrop said this was a very successful event with lots of students wanting to learn about nutrition and once they put it out there it tends to draw a lot of students in.

"(It's an) opportunity to put ourselves out there into the student community," Waldrop said. "It's good exposure for students' ideas to come together of what they know or don't know about nutrition."

McNeil said students will learn to make healthy choices and live a healthy lifestyle through events like the nutrition fair.

"People don't see that it will pay off later with the medical and doctor bills," McNeil said. "When you are older, all those are going to be really high if you don't start living healthy now."



FELIX LING / DAILY STAFF

TOP: Students explore the various informational booths at the Nutrition Fair in the Student Union on Tuesday.

LEFT: From left, Danielle Reyes, a senior majoring in nutrition and food science, Jeremy Loader, a junior majoring in nutrition and food science, and Jeremy Lampel, a graduate student in nutrition and food science, dressed as healthy foods while Shilpa Sharma, a graduate student in nutrition and food science held a sign reading "Libraries are for Reading Not Eating" at the San Jose City Council meeting Tuesday afternoon to show their support of a measure that would require vending machines in the city's Library Department to include healthy snacks. San Jose State University also held a nutrition fair on Tuesday.

ROBOTS - Club president looks forward to discussion*continued from page 4*

tempting to create machines that exhibit human behaviors, such as intelligence, language use, and reasoning, which are things we barely understand in ourselves," Sullins said. "From the social standpoint, we are not only designing a mechanical instrument, but one that requires a

personality of its own and the ability to closely interact with humans as a fellow agent."

Kevin Fox, president of the Philosophy Club, said it has been looking forward to Sullins' visit for quite some time now.

"We hope that Dr. Sullins' talk will help motivate some discussion on the role of technology in our lives," Fox said.

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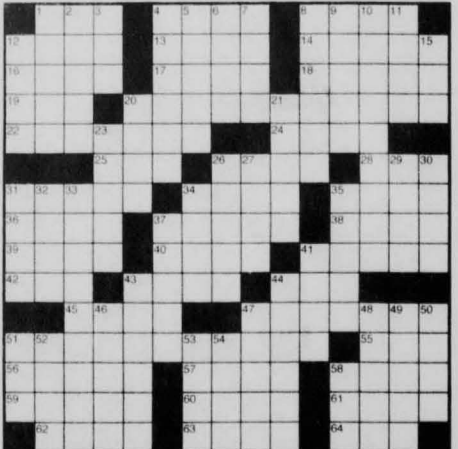
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Industrial design students show artistic side

Exhibit gives viewers a look at developing commonly used items

By Zeenat Umar
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Take a moment to look at the cellular phone in your pocket or the chair you are sitting on: how did these products come to be? While most of us may not think about it, this is what industrial designers do.

The Industrial Design Student Association attempts to remind people of a forgotten perception in relation to daily entities in their first public display, "artefakt" in Gallery 2 of the Art building at San Jose State University.

The exhibition, which opened on Monday and will run through Friday, gives viewers a peek into the process of developing commonly used items such as chairs, tape dispensers, bathroom faucets, toy cellular phones and children's furniture. The gallery shows the creative process of industrial design through sketches, mockups and models.

"We want to point out that our field is uniquely situated between art, engineering, invention and human factors," said Kristy Lovejoy, an SJSU student pursuing a second bachelor's degree in industrial design.

The models in the gallery are

strictly handcrafted and sculptured.

"This shows the old-school version of industrial design using hands, not computers," said Dominic Peralta, a junior majoring in industrial design.

Polyurethane sketch models surround the finished artifacts cased in glass shelves in the center

The beginning of the concept is expressed onto paper in the form of a drawing, followed by handcrafting it into the actual shape into a sketch model into the final phase, which is the presentation model.

"It is an exciting space where we have direct impact on people's lives," Lovejoy said. "The pieces

A creation of WaldenMar Drozdek, the modern tape dispenser on the glass shelf, was inspired by a plumber bending downwards; the tape is the head, the arms are the sides of that hold the tape in place, and the part where the tape is dispensed is the butt, said Peralta.

"This is an opportunity to show people what we do," said Jon Corpuz, a senior in industrial design.

According to Corpuz, the gallery includes the work of about 40 students ranging from freshmen to seniors.

"Out of all the art majors, industrial design has never had a gallery," Corpuz said.

Lovejoy said that due to logistics, most fellow students in the Art building are not aware of what exactly industrial designers do.

"We always felt secluded," Peralta said.

A reception held Tuesday evening, including food and drinks, invited the public and industry professionals to view the gallery.

The industrial design students hope to gain support and understanding of their work from the art department and gain visibility in their field.

"Some lucky exhibitors may land internships, or job offers," Lovejoy said. "By showing our lengthy creative process, we hope to shed some insight into the creation of everyday objects.



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Vivian Mak, a graphic design major, looks at the detailed foam sculptures displayed as the culmination of a work process made visible in the show at the Arte-fakt show in Gallery 2 of the Art building Tuesday.

of the room, providing the steps leading to the completion of the project.

The gallery exhibits such objects as a tape dispenser, cellular phone and furniture from its conception phase to the completed product.

you will find in the gallery are the students' vision of what everyday products should be like."

Some projects can take up to a whole semester to be completed, according to the designers.

"This is why we have a strict no-touch rule," Lovejoy said.

A.S. - Some candidates discuss priorities

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Top priorities and goals were also topics of discussion.

"Academics have to be top priority," said Che Angkham, who is running uncontested for A.S. vice president. "The university (has) to make sure that students have access to classes, and they have access to financial aid, methods of lowering the amount that they have to pay for school."

She said that she thought San Jose State University had two main priorities: academics and participation.

"Participation is also key to having an enriched experience in college," Angkham said. "Part of (this) would be having students get more involved on campus. Give them something so they feel that this school is theirs and they're not just a bump on a log going to class or a number on a roster."

Benjamin Drescher, running uncontested for a second term as director of student resource affairs, said that raising awareness of resources on campus was important because many students don't know about different programs that are offered.

"I've been talking with a few other board members about next year about ways to have programs for these resources (so) they can

introduce them to the incoming students," he said.

Joel Bridgeman found that time management was an important lesson to learn this past year. He is currently running unopposed for re-election as director of student rights and responsibilities and plans to use this skill in the upcoming year.

As a candidate for director of legislative affairs, Michael Reyes plans on listening to students' concerns. He said that he truly values their opinions and will help them to the best of his ability.

Powell said that his position being the only one to have a challenger was an obvious statement.

"It's harder than running unopposed," he said. "I'd still run (for director of extra curricular affairs) even if they offered me a position that would run unopposed. I'm not a person who gets something because it's easier."

At the end of the event, Parker said he enjoyed acting as moderator.

"I'm very pleased to see (the candidates) stepping up to the plate," Parker said after the debate. "I wish the other candidates could have been here, but I understand they had other commitments."

Meet the Candidates, a time for students to talk to this year's candidates, will be held today at noon in the Student Union Amphitheater.

Correction:

In an article that ran Tuesday titled "Few sign up for A.S. election," Jessica Loebig was improperly identified as the incumbent candidate for director of extracurricular activities. Samanata Naik is the current office holder and Loebig is running for that position. It is Spartan Daily policy to correct all errors.

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